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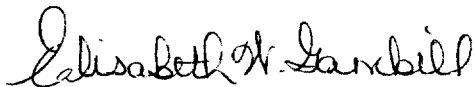
Dr. Jane E. Henney  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to ask the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban the forced molting of laying hens. This is a cruel, inhumane practice in which hens are deprived of daylight and food causing severe stress and even death to the hapless birds. In addition, this method of forcing the production of eggs increases the occurrence of the Salmonella enteritidis, which is a food borne pathogen causing widespread human illness.

It is time to take big business out of the hen house and get back to basics. There are many companies currently producing eggs from hens that are raised in a natural, free-range, and healthy environment. Positive proof that egg production can be accomplished in both a humane and profitable system. The end result for human animals is a clear conscious as well as a healthy, safe egg supply.

Respectfully yours,



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